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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

INVENTOR(S) : Brian A. Vulpitta, et al.
TITLE : ANTI-TELESCOPING ADHESIVE
TAPE PRODUCT
APPLICATION NO. : 09/711,478
FILED : November 13, 2000
CONFIRMATION NO. : 7902
EXAMINER : J. J. Rhee
ART UNIT : 1772
LAST OFFICE ACTION : January 16, 2004
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. : MAEE 2 12957
Cleveland, OH 44114
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The Office Action of January 16, 2004 has been received and carefully studied. Applicants request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in that Office Action.

As the Examiner is aware, the present application is concerned with adhesive tape products, specifically the kinds of products seen in households and in stationery applications. Such products generally consist of a long narrow strip having an adhesive on one side. This adhesive tape is wound up on a core and sold to consumers. The problem applicants are addressing is the problem of telescoping. In a telescoped roll of adhesive tape, each succeeding layer in the roll is slightly offset from the underlying layer. The roll of tape is no longer disk shaped. Rather, it is conical or cup shaped. Such a product is perceived by consumers as defective.

Claims 1-10 are pending in the application.

In paragraph 3 of the Office Action, claims 1-5, 5-11 are rejected as unpatentable over

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